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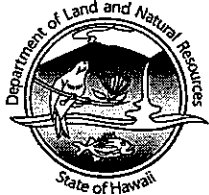
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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES**

**Friday, January 27, 2012
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2073
RELATING TO THE HAWAII LEGACY TRUST FUND**

House Bill 2073 establishes the Hawai'i Legacy Trust Fund as a separate fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation to encourage individuals to make strong financial investments while supporting conservation, reforestation of Hawaii's native trees, environmental stewardship, sustainable food and energy production, affordable housing, public education, and programs that support and benefit keiki and kupuna. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure with some suggested amendments and defers to the Hawai'i Community Foundation for discussion of their capacity and expertise for this program.

The Department strongly supports initiatives to encourage private and public entities to invest in sustainable forest management. The Department notes a great deal of duplication in this proposal with the existing State Forest Stewardship Program (Chapter 195F, Hawaii Revised Statutes) and suggests using this existing program to achieve the forest restoration goals of the Hawaiian legacy trust fund initiative. Many of the Hawaii legacy trust fund goals and functions are compatible with the existing Forest Stewardship Program. The Forest Stewardship Program has the existing infrastructure to receive state, federal and private funds and deliver a wide variety of restoration projects throughout the state on both state and private lands, including production of native hardwood trees such as Koa. The Forest Stewardship Program also has an advisory committee composed of experts in forest and natural resource management in Hawai'i that reviews proposed projects and their management plans as well as recommends awards for funding under the Forest Stewardship Program. This existing committee could be expanded to include financial management expertise, and serve the role and function intended under this initiative.

The Department would be happy to work with the advisory committee to incorporate this initiative into the Forest Stewardship Program.

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Comments:

Hui Ho'omalua i ka 'Aina is a taro root organization founded in the early 1980's by traditional practitioners of moku Halele'a to address threats and impacts to the natural and cultural resources of Kaua'i. Founded by farmers and fishermen, weavers and hunters, we seek to provide context for issues related to the ecology of our ahupua'a. The organization is an active advocate for those native things and ways that are disappearing. We strongly support this measure as it provides critical recognition and support of our cultural resources so desperately in need of financial support. Mahalo. Makaala